



## Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



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# ColumnWood Bed & Breakfast

## Bowling Green, Virginia

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**Virginia Green Lodging** is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. **Green Lodging** encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. **Green Lodging** is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

### Column Wood

ColumnWood Bed and Breakfast is located in historic Bowling Green, just a 20-minute drive from Paramount's Kings Dominion. The home was built between 1910 and 1914 and was the first duplex structure in Bowling Green. The name ColumnWood comes from the decorative columns along the porches and fireplaces, along with the property's large sycamores. The Bed and Breakfast features four guest rooms. ColumnWood is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

**Green Lodging Activities.** When visiting ColumnWood, you can expect the following practices:

- 🌱 **Optional linen service** in rooms
- 🌱 **Recycling** opportunities for guests
- 🌱 **Water Conservation**
- 🌱 **Energy conservation**
- 🌱 **Green events**

### Optional Linen Service

- Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

### Recycling

- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, and fluorescent lamps

### Waste Reduction

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
- Refill water pitchers to minimize single use bottles
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment

- Use two-sided copying and printing
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use latex paint and reuse paint thinners
- Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out

#### **Water Conservation**

- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Rain barrels
- Minimization of impervious areas

#### **Energy Conservation**

- Use ceiling fans
- Lighting sensors
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances

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For more information on **ColumnWood Bed & Breakfast**, see [www.columnwood.com](http://www.columnwood.com).

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging).



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